

USC Jolted by Injury to Edwards

Sprinter Strains Leg in NCAA 100 Heat, Appears Out of Meet

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Everything seemed to be going USC's way at the outset of competition Friday in the NCAA track and field championships at Illinois' Memorial Stadium.

Freshman Larry Doubley, who calls himself Baby Ali and admits he's obnoxious, beat a class field in the long jump with a leap of 26-11 $\frac{3}{4}$, best in the world this year.

USC's 400-meter relay team looked sharp in winning its semifinal heat and seemed assured of scoring high in today's final.

Then, in a 100-meter semifinal heat, Clancy Edwards strained a hamstring muscle in his right leg as he made his move on Auburn's Harvey Gance with 30 meters left.

Edwards, an outstanding sprinter for USC all season, barely managed to finish—in last place. And, as he hobbled off to a training table, he probably took USC's chances of defending its NCAA title with him.

It's doubtful Edwards will be able to compete in the 200 semis today or in the sprint relay finals. And of course, he forfeited an opportunity to place in the 100 meter final, which was held later in the day.

USC's chances of winning the meet depended on Edwards scoring a lot of points in the 100 and 200, then anchoring the sprint relay for some more points.

The Times dope sheet forecast Edwards would score 18 points and be a big factor in the 400-meter relay.

"It's difficult to tell how bad it is," USC trainer Jack Ward said as he applied ice to Edwards' leg and wrapped it heavily in gauze.

"I've never had anything like this happen to me," said Edwards, the Pacific 8 sprint champ and collegiate record-holder in the 200 (20.13). "I started to make my move late in the race, like I usually do, then I felt my leg tighten up."

Later, USC coach Vern Wolfe said he didn't believe Edwards' injury was as severe as he originally thought. "We're not sure whether it's a strain or cramp," he said. "We're going to give him medication and we'll know by noon tomorrow whether he can run. I don't think so, but you never know."

When Edwards pulled up lame, USC's fortunes suddenly took a change for the worse. Darrell Elder didn't qualify in the discus; Rich Graybehl was eliminated in a 400-intermediate hurdles semi and Mike Johnson went unplaced in the 100-meter hurdles finals.

While some of the Trojans were having problems, UCLA's hurdlers, James Owens and Greg Foster, came through in grand style. They finished 1-3, providing the Bruins with 16

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points. It should have been a 1-2 finish but Foster, the freshman from Maywood, Ill., lost his balance after clearing the last hurdle, almost fell down and couldn't hold on for second.

Owens was timed in 13.49 and seemed gratified to win after finishing second in the NCAA meet the past two years.

"I just concentrated a lot," said Owens, who got his usual fast start, "but it wasn't one of my better races. I think I hit at least one hurdle. But it (the win) is something I've wanted for a long time. I think I could have won in the last two NCAA meets."

In Friday's other running finals Glance easily defended his 100-meter title, taking charge out of the blocks and winning in 10.22, and Washington State's Samsom Kimombwa set a blistering pace that was too much for Illinois' Craig Virgin, winning the 10,000 in the meet record time of 28:10.27.

Field event winners, besides Doubly, were Stanford's Terry Albritton in the shotput (67-3 $\frac{1}{2}$) and Washington's Scott Neilson in the hammer throw (228-4).

Doubly jumped 26-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ twice but his first effort was wind aided. Later, he made it legitimate, breaking the NCAA meet record of 26-11 by Illinois' Charlton Ehizuelen in 1975.

The competition was first rate in the long jump with four jumpers surpassing 26 feet. Doubly seemed to relish beating Ehizuelen, the hometown favorite, who finished second at 26-10.

Ehizuelen, a Nigerian, predicted he would win after jumping 26-10 in a Thursday qualifying round. "It will take one helluva jump to beat me," he said.

Doubly, the gangling, 6-8 Trojan, was up to it. "I was disappointed I didn't get 27 feet," he said. "But it was a real privilege to best Charlton. He was a bit egotistical, bragging what he was going to do."

When someone suggested Doubly isn't exactly modest, the young Trojan agreed.

"I'm an obnoxious individual and really egotistical," he said. "I don't scare too easily. I have a premonition. I know where I am. I wanted to get a big jump on Charlton right away (he did) and let him think about it."

"You know, the NCAA is a school of psych. James Lofton of Stanford (he finished third at 26-5 $\frac{1}{4}$) asked me how old I was and, when I told him I was 18, he said I should be competing in the junior nationals.

"Then, Charlton went up to his blackboard and wrote two figures, '27-6 and 56-6', indicating what he was going to do in the long and triple jumps.

"But I have confidence and the main thing is that we're going to win the NCAA meet."

That was before Clancy hobbled off the track.

Track Notes

Graybehl probably will substitute for Edwards on the 400-meter relay team. The team championship picture: Brigham Young leads with 7 points followed by Stanford, UCLA, Illinois and Washington State with 16; UTEP (14), Arizona State (12), Washington (11) and USC and Auburn (10) . . . Kimombwa won as expected but teammate Henry Rono, who was figured for no lower than third, wound up 10th. The Cougars' Paul Buxton figured to get second in the hammer throw but finished fifth. His teammate, Dwight Miales, got fourth . . . Glance, who was eliminated in a 200 heat Thursday, blew off Texas' Johnny Jones from the start in the 100 and had the race all the way . . . It's believed that UCLA's Foster wobbled on the fi-

nal sprint to the tape because the arch gave away. He has a chronic arch ailment . . . UTEP seems to be in a strong position to win because of Wilson Waigwa in the 1,500, James Munyala in the steeplechase, Greg Joy in the high jump, Svein Walvik, the leading qualifier in the discus; and two qualifiers in the triple jump, Arnold Grimes and Jerome Hutchins . . . USC's Elder, who placed sixth in the 1976 NCAA meet, fouled on each of this three throws in discus qualifying . . . But USC looked strong in 1,600 meter relay semis at 3:04.51. UCLA moved to the finals by finishing fourth (3:05.84).

100 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for final
FIRST HEAT—1. Jones (Texas), 10.24; 2. Dell (Seon) (Utah), 10.39; 3. Brown (Penn), 10.41; 4. Easley (Auburn), 10.51; 5. Andrews (USC), 10.55.
SECOND HEAT—1. Glance (Auburn), 10.27; 2. Keel (Southern Illinois), 10.36; 3. Wiley (Kansas), 10.44; 4. Derrell (Rice), 10.48. Others—8. Edwards (USC), 10.82.

Final

1. Glance, 10.22 (wind 0.1 m.p.h.); 2. Jones, 10.27; 3. Dell, 10.28; 4. Keel, 10.40; 5. Derrell, 10.41; 6. Wiley, 10.42.

400 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for final
FIRST HEAT—1. Smith (Auburn), 45.67; 2. Campbell (Fresno State), 46.18; 3. Morgan (Tennessee), 46.31; 4. Galson (Alabama), 46.32.
SECOND HEAT—1. Frazier (Arizona St.), 46.16; 2. Dale (Villanova), 46.23; 3. Duvort (Jackson St.), 46.56; 4. Udo (Marshall), 46.54. Others—5. Bowen (Oregon), 46.94; 6. Beasley (Long Beach St.), 47.54.

800 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for final
FIRST HEAT—1. McLean (Bucknell), 1:48.03; 2. Summerville (Manhattan), 1:48.22; 3. De Rienzo (Fordham), 1:48.25; 4. Prince (Kansas St.), 1:48.46; 5. Gibson (Washington), 1:48.73.
SECOND HEAT—1. Belger (Villanova), 1:47.84; 2. Ewyer (Utah St.), 1:48.14; 3. Wilson (Oklahoma), 1:48.15; 4. Brewster (Washington St.), 1:48.18. Others—6. Donohoe (San Diego St.), 1:48.62.

1000 METERS

Final
1. Kimombwa (Washington St.), 28:10.27 (meet record, old mark 28:22.66); 2. Ngina (Washington St.), 28:22.66; 3. Virgo (Illinois), 28:27.47; 4. Sirma (UTEP), 28:35.21; 5. Ailiff (Army), 28:36.82; 6. Reid (BYU), 29:00.99. Others—8. Rono (Washington St.), 29:22.61.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

Four in each heat qualify for final
FIRST HEAT—1. Robertson (W. Maryland), 13.68; 2. Obasogie (Missouri), 13.70; 3. Owens (UCLA), 13.71; 4. Walker (Arizona St.), 13.74.
SECOND HEAT—1. Gaines (Washington), 13.62; 2. Foster (UCLA), 13.63; 3. Taylor (Arkansas State), 13.69; 4. M. Johnson (USC), 13.73. Other—7. Cooper (San Jose St.), 14.04.

Final

1. Owens, 13.49 (wind 3.0 m.p.h.); 2. Walker, 13.75; 3. Foster, 13.76; 4. Robertson, 13.77; 5. Obasogie, 13.83; 6. Gaines, 13.85; 7. M. Johnson, 13.97.

400-METER HURDLES

Four in each heat qualify for final
FIRST HEAT—1. Walker (Auburn), 1:05.32; 2. Walker (Arizona St.), 1:05.23; 3. T. Andrews (USC), 1:07.27; 4. Murel (Wisconsin), 1:01.31.
SECOND HEAT—1. Otono (Mississippi St.), 1:01.14; 2. Greene (Ohio U.), 1:01.32; 3. Hanlon (St. John's), 1:01.54; 4. Sheffield (San Diego St.), 1:01.60; 5. Graybehl (USC), 1:01.88.

400-METER RELAY

Final
SECOND HEAT—1. Auburn, 39.36; 2. Arizona State, 39.43; 3. Kansas, 39.59; 4. UCLA, 39.92.
FIRST HEAT—1. USC, 39.73; 2. Cali-

fornia, 39.91; 3. Tennessee, 39.99; 4. Pennsylvania, 40.35.

1,600-METER RELAY

Four in each heat qualify for final
FIRST HEAT—1. USC, 3:04.51; 2. Villanova, 3:04.87; 3. Jackson State, 3:05.17; 4. UCLA, 3:05.84.
SECOND HEAT—1. Arizona State, 3:05.26; 2. Tennessee, 3:05.42; 3. Howard, 3:05.75; 4. Long Beach St., 3:06.04; 5. California, 3:07.49.

LONG JUMP

Final

1. Doubly (USC), 26-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ (meet record, old mark 26-11); Charlton Ehizuelen, Illinois, 1975); 2. Ehizuelen (Illinois), 26-10; 3. Lofton (Stanford), 26-5 $\frac{1}{4}$; 4. Jackson (Arizona St.), 26-0 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. Faye (Tennessee), 25-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. Magee (Long Beach St.), 25-4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 7. Others—10. Banks (UCLA), 25-1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

TRIPLE JUMP

12 qualify for final

1. Grimes (UTEP), 54-6 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2. Banks (UCLA), 54-2 $\frac{3}{4}$; 3. Campbell (Washington St.), 54-2; 4. Liviers (San Jose St.), 54-2; 5. McIntyre (East Carolina), 53-9 $\frac{1}{4}$; 6. Ehizuelen (Illinois), 53-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 7. Lowe (Georgia Tech), 53-1; 8. Caldwell (Houston), 53-0 $\frac{3}{4}$; 9. Cannon (Indiana), 52-9; 10. Hutchins (UTEP), 52-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 11. Cooper (Villanova), 52-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 12. Trowell (Tennessee Tech), 51-7 $\frac{3}{4}$; 13. Others—16. Jackson (USC), 49-3 $\frac{1}{4}$; 17. Magee (Long Beach St.), no fair jump.

SHOT PUT

Final

1. Albritton (Stanford), 67-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. England (Alabama), 64-3; 3. Nilsson (BYU), 62-5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Semkiv (San Jose St.), 62-1; 5. Paulteto (Central Michigan), 61-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. Medlin (N. Carolina St.), 61-7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 7. Others—7. B. Feuerbach (San Jose St.), 61-6; 8. Vincent (Washington), 58-10 $\frac{1}{4}$; 9. Fruguglietti (USC), 58-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; 10. Buxton (Washington St.), 56-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 11. McKenzie (USC), 54-10 $\frac{1}{4}$.

DISCUS

12 qualify for final

1. Walvik (UTEP), 194-9; 2. Burton (Oregon), 191-2; 3. Burns (Colorado), 189-4; 4. Suderland (LA State), 185-11; 5. Puskhin (Arizona St.), 185-6; 6. Fruguglietti (USC), 183-11; 7. Gardenkars (BYU), 183-4; 8. Cain (Alabama), 182-9; 9. Columbus (Clemson), 182-9; 10. Overton (Cal), 182-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 11. Kunz (Nebraska), 179-7; 12. Salami (Middle Tennessee St.), 179-5; 13. Others—3. Gordien (Cal Poly Pomona), 178-10; 17. Santilago (Cal), 175-9; 31. Elder (USC), no fair throw.

HAMMER

Final

1. Neilson (Washington), 228-4; 2. Berry (UTEP), 221-4; 3. Johnston (Northwestern), 208-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Miles (Washington St.), 204-10; 5. Buxton (Washington St.), 204-7; 6. Silverio (Manhattan), 203-6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 7. Others—McArdle (Oregon), no fair throw.

TEAM LEADERS

Brigham Young 17, Stanford, UCLA, Illinois and Washington State 16, Washington State, Arizona State 12, Tennessee 11, USC and Auburn 10, Houston, Alabama and Texas & Seton Hall, Northeastern and UC Irvine & Southern Illinois, San Jose State, Maryland, Army and Tennessee 4, Rice, Providence, Central Michigan, Middle Tennessee, Missouri, 185-Mt. St. Mary's 2, Kansas, Manhattan, San Diego State, North Carolina and Long Beach State 1.